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CHINESE VOTERS OUT FOR OFFICE ALSO

THEY CLAIM MANY VOTES AND WANT REPRESENTATION—WILL HOLD MEETING TO DECIDE HOW MANY OFFICES ARE WANTED.

The latest candidature for legislative representation emanates from Oriental ranks. The Chinese colony, claiming twice as many votes as the denizens of Punchbowl have been spurred up by the example of the Portuguese and will shortly hold a meeting at which they will choose their candidate and then lay plans for affiliation with the Republican party.

The Chinese, who have been on the islands in considerable force for many years have many born in the territory who can become duly qualified voters if they are able to write and read the English language. There are also several who have already qualified themselves as voting citizens. While there is no doubt that many of the Chinese can read, write and speak the English language with fluency, it is stated by those who have close business relations with them, that many who speak the language readily enough and can perhaps make shift to write their signature, would fall dismally if asked to read or write.

On the other hand there have been a number of small evening schools maintained by private teachers, off and on, for many years, held in sitting rooms of private houses which have been attended by from five to six Chinese boys often employed as house servants, who applied themselves laboriously to text books at the rate of twenty-five cents a lesson.

Almost every kamaaina knows of someone who conducted these classes. Sellers of the primers and text books in the Chinese-English language can testify to the search for enlightenment by the number sold annually. It remains a truth however that few of these private teachers taught their pupils to write. The Mills Institute has turned out many duly qualified native born boys.

The Chinese who are at the head of the movement claim to have four hundred votes that will be available in November. They claim further that the Portuguese have not more than two hundred. That the Chinese voters are a wealthier and more intelligent class and, if the Portuguese are to be considered worthy of two representatives they are at least entitled to one. The leaders appear perfectly to realize the value of their votes in this present situation. At present their talk seems to be entirely for Republican or Democratic, Home Rule not being mentioned by them.

In Republican circles the news of the Chinese departure is taken favorably. "The more votes of this description, the worse for the opposition," seems to be the general verdict. The meeting will, it is thought take place tomorrow night and conference be held with party leaders before the convention.

THE WEATHER.

Weather Bureau, Honolulu, 1 p. m.
Wind, fresh N. E.; weather, fair, slight showers, probably at night. Morning minimum temperature, 75; midday maximum temperature, 84; barometer, 30.02, rising (corrected for gravity); rainfall, 24 hours ending 9 a. m., .02; dew point, 74 a. m., 66; humidity, 74 a. m., 64 per cent.

CURTIS J. LYONS, Observer.

AFTER MAX SCHLEMMER.

As the result of their quarrel on Laysan Island this month, Capt. A. von Gravenmeyer today filed action against Max Schlemmer for \$5,000 damages. The damages are claimed on account of the injury to Von Gravenmeyer's feelings and person when Schlemmer whipped him in a fight on Laysan Island. Schlemmer pleaded guilty to assault and battery yesterday and was fined \$10 and costs by Judge Wilcox.

FOSTER'S INTEREST SOLD.

The interest of Frank Foster to certain lands on this island and on Molokai to satisfy the judgments secured by H. R. Hitchcock et al. vs. H. R. Hitchcock et al. was sold at public auction today in front of the police station. Foster being one of the defendants in this suit. Lot 30 of the Pawa tract containing 10,430 square feet was sold to Larry Dee for \$2,100 and 4.47 acres at Kumehi, Molokai for \$300 to the same purchaser.

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S. M. DAMON BUYS A NEWSPAPER

By an instrument just filed with Registrar Thrum, the Bulletin Publishing Company assigns its type, presses, office fixtures, etc., to Bishop & Company, as additional security for the sum of \$2,750, due on a note made in January, 1898. The document sets forth that the newspaper owes the sum of \$2,750 to the bankers, and in consideration of the latter having agreed not to foreclose before November 1, 1902, the Bulletin puts up as additional security for the cash, one type-setting machine, 2,000 make-up tables, six batteries, 3,000 pounds of type, 38 galleys, 3,500 worth of paper and supplies, one bookkeeper's desk, two roll top desks, one typewriter desk, one typewriter, one flat top desk, four reporter's tables, and a large number of other pieces of office furniture, printing material, etc., set forth at length. The assignment is signed by W. R. Farrington and A. V. Gear, president and secretary of the Bulletin Company.

PAPER SEWER PIPE

ROOTS OF TREES PIERCE THE STONE.

A Sewer System That Will Cause Much Trouble in the Future—What a Mechanic Has to Say.

Sewer pipes dug up near the Judiciary building this morning show remarkable effects of the roots of trees in the vicinity. The system became clogged recently, and it was decided to excavate and find out what was the matter. On digging up the pipes the workmen found that the tree roots had gradually worked their way into the pipes and stopped them up. The roots worked in at the joints and spread inside so that the sewers were useless. Iron pipes are now being laid. The condition of the cemented pipes is regarded as a startling indication of pilikia to come, for the new sewer system of Honolulu consists almost entirely of this kind of pipe, and there are many places where the spreading roots of trees may attack them.

The pipes were in the ground at least 15 feet from the nearest tree, which is a palm. The roots had almost entirely filled some of the lengths of pipe. They had spread from the joints and clogged up several hundred feet of pipe, so that little could pass through. A picture of some of the clogged up lengths of pipe was taken by Williams at the request of the plumber, J. R. Bath, who is putting in the new lengths.

"I have warned Honolulu people many times against this sort of thing," said Bath. "Only recently I have had to take out two hundred feet of pipe at a Waikiki residence. The pipe had been in the ground only about two years, but it was all clogged up with the roots of trees. They find their way through the pipes, and soon fill them. I knew as soon as I was called to this job and saw the palm trees about, that it was the same old trouble. There will be a lot of it in localities in Honolulu where stone pipe is used. The iron pipe which we are putting down here will keep out the trees, but it is impossible to cement the stone pipes together so that they will last."

The pipe which the trees penetrated with their roots is of vitrified stone, fastened together with cement. At almost every joint along the makai side of the Judiciary building the joints are clogged with roots. They are all taken up, and iron pipes are being laid in their places.

COAL FOR WAIMANALO.

The steamer J. A. Cummins will sail for Waimanalo tomorrow morning at 7 o'clock. She is loading coal for Waimanalo Plantation. She will return to Honolulu with sugar.

KE AU HOU FROM KILAUEA.

The steamer Ke Au Hou arrived this morning from her Kaula run. The schooner Brothers arrived at Kilauea last Saturday. The weather was very rough and Diver Herb Young was unable to go to work searching for the lost cable.

REUNITED.

Three brothers were recently reunited in Kansas after a separation of 41 years. For half that period they had lived in the same country, but two had never heard of the presence of the third, nor he of their presence.

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UNION AND HOTEL STREETS

PHONE 317.

THE SYSTEM ALMOST DEFIED DETECTION

The tax office speculations which have been under investigation by the grand jury are said to have been going on for years, and the total sum taken is probably quite large, judging by the facts that have been unearthed. There is reason to believe that under the administration of Tax Assessor Shaw, the same system of private collections was inaugurated and it might have gone on for years, but for the careful investigation recently made. The possible penalty for embezzlement of this kind is hard labor for life.

The system was one which almost defied detection, and might be naturally expected to work successfully indefinitely. Blank personal tax receipts were made up of, and those in the scheme were careful to use only blanks that were extremely unlikely to be wanted in the regular course of business.

The blanks were printed, bound and numbered by the collector, and every year several more books were purchased than were used, the collector always desiring to have some blanks on hand for business. Those in the scheme to defraud the Territory abstracted the highest numbered blanks, which were never reached in the course of business, so that their absence was never known until the present investigation.

With these blanks they made collections, and they divided the money according to the belief of the grand jury. A large number of blanks are missing, and in one case two whole books, containing receipts for personal taxes amounting to \$1,000 have disappeared. Whether all these blanks were fraudulently used may never be known.

The only possible risk in the scheme was that one of the regular collectors of the department should approach a man who have been given a stolen receipt and, on demanding taxes, be met with the statement that the taxes had been paid. This is exactly what finally happened. A Chinese displayed a cer-

tificate that had been given him after it had been stolen, and Pratt at once smelled a rat and began investigations. The state of affairs was soon revealed, and a search for evidence began.

The tax collector stated this morning that it was impossible to say what was the total sum that had been collected and embezzled. The total may be thousands of dollars, during the several years while the "system" has been quietly worked. The possible total would be very large, but it is impossible to make investigations beyond a year back.

The possible amount we have found," said Tax Collector Pratt, "is from a thousand to twelve hundred dollars. It is impossible to make a complete investigation into such a proposition. The matter is in the hands of the Attorney General."

Alexander D. Thompson and Joseph Woodward, former employees of the tax office who are accused of thefts in five indictments, containing in all twelve counts, both pleaded not guilty this morning before Judge Gear. Woodward has secured bail, but Thompson is in custody. The judge recited to them the various counts in the indictments, and to each they entered pleas of not guilty.

The law as to embezzlement of government funds is much more severe than as to ordinary embezzlement. It declares that any government employee who is guilty of embezzlement of money or other property belonging to the government, "shall be punished by imprisonment at hard labor for life or any number of years, or by fine not exceeding five times the value of the thing or property embezzled."

The money stolen from the tax office will probably be a loss to the government, as they were issued by parties having authority to issue them. If this view is correct, the taxes paid to the alleged embezzlers need not be paid again.

McCully Tract Sold To-Day

The McCully tract, containing 143 acres, was sold under the hammer at noon today, by Will E. Fisher. It brought \$66,000, only one bid being made. The foreclosure proceedings under which the sale was held were for \$137,000, but it is understood that all of the money owing to Mrs. McCully Higgins and the Queen's Hospital will be paid. The bidder was Oscar White, for the McCully Land Company, which assumes debts amounting with the purchase price to \$126,000, the real price paid for the land, it is stated.

There was a large crowd of local financiers and attorneys present when the sale began. Fisher read the decree of Judge Humphreys ordering the sale, and then offered the property. Lorin Andrews, who represents J. M. McChesney, and was trying to take an appeal from the decree ordering the sale, announced that the sale was subject to his appeal. This appeal was disallowed by Judge Humphreys, who declared that McChesney had no standing in the case.

Oscar White made the only bid. His offer of \$66,000 stopped all other possible bidders. There were several men present who were ready to buy the land if it went cheap, but none wanted to go this limit. The Waikiki Land & Loan Association was represented by George Paris, but did not make any bid, and it probably passes out of existence with the completion of today's business. The company has been a heavy loser by its purchase of the lands.

The McCully Land Company is a corporation recently organized, in which several men of large local interests are associated. The company will carry on the project started by the Waikiki Land & Loan Association, and will put the McCully lands on sale.

Church Poor Box Is Found Under House

There is one thief in town who the police declare, deserves hanging. Evidence of his meanness was secured this morning by George Paris. Mr. Paris happened to look under his house and to his surprise found an odd looking object. On examination it proved to be a church contribution box. He took the thing to the police station where it was identified as the contribution box that was stolen from the Catholic Church some months ago.

The box had evidently been knocked against a stone in an attempt to break it open.

RUMORED FUSION

It is announced that the Democrats have fused with the Home Rule party and will support Wilcox, receiving liberal terms in exchange for their support. The rate of exchange is stated to be fifty-five per cent of the non-fusionists in exchange for Wilcox as delegate. The statement is made authoritatively by several as having been concluded at a private caucus of the leaders within the last few hours. Other prominent democrats emphatically deny that any such meeting or arrangement has taken place at all. Colonel McCarthy is known to be greatly opposed to Wilcox.

THE DRINKING HABIT.

According to the Baltimore Sun, it is said that in serious cases of the drinking habit the average duration of life is about fifteen years; the duration of life among moderate periodical inebriates is about nineteen years. The capacity to get drunk more than a thousand times is rare. The maximum capacity for any man during ten or fifteen years is about 2000 gallons of whiskey.

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Humphreys Last Week As a Judge

This is Judge Humphreys' last week on the bench. His resignation takes effect on September 1, so that he will be off the bench after next Monday. Humphreys will resume practice of law in Honolulu, taking his old offices again and being associated with Frank E. Thompson and E. M. Watson. The firm will be known as Humphreys, Thompson and Watson, and will begin business on September 2.

Watson, at present a member of the firm of Russell & Watson, Thompson is a former partner of Tom Fitch and is with W. S. Fleming.

SLAUGHTERED THE GOATS.

Natives Objected To Wandering Billies And Killed Them.

There is no such thing as the sheep and the goats in the eyes of the Portuguese who live mauka of Punchbowl. Several natives however took an entirely different view and they proceeded yesterday to slaughter a couple of scape goats. It appears that a couple of goats owned by some Portuguese have been allowed to run at large back in the valley behind Punchbowl. The Portuguese did not apparently object to them, but a couple of natives did. The natives captured the goats and slaughtered them.

The Portuguese reported the matter to the High Sheriff yesterday and Officer Duncan was sent to investigate. He discovered the carcasses of the goats hanging in the hut of the natives. The goats had been killed and dressed, the same as if they had been sheep. Evidently the natives had been frightened, for when Duncan reached the scene of the slaughter, he found the men had decamped. The place was surrounded by gestating, jabbering Portuguese who loudly declaimed against the enforced demise of the goats. There was no one to arrest so Officer Duncan returned empty handed to the police station. There is probably a "Billie" issue now in progress behind Punchbowl where roast goat and methelated spirits make up the most of the bill of fare.

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KILAUEA HAS BROKEN OUT

Kilauea has broken out again, according to a wireless message received today from F. L. Waldron, manager of the Volcano House. The message was addressed to C. L. Wright, President of the Wilder Steamship Company, and contains the following:

"Active lake formed at Halemaumau 400 feet diameter." The wording of the dispatch leaves much open to speculation. Waldron's wording indicates that it is an entirely new lake that has appeared, which would mean a very considerable showing of volcanic action. During the past few months there have been many reports of activity at Kilauea, but the volcano has kept fairly quiet. Further news of the new "active lake" will be awaited with great interest.

Halemaumau is the small active crater inside the larger one at Kilauea. Waldron's dispatch does not indicate very clearly whether he meant to convey the impression that another lake has formed alongside of Halemaumau.

THE FOURTH MEETING

PORTUGUESE CLUB OVERTURE CONSIDERED.

A Substitute Resolution Was Brought In and the Whole Matter Goes Over Until Tomorrow.

A meeting of the Fourth District executive committee was held this noon hour, extending until half past one, in the assembly room of Castle & Cooke. Twenty-nine members were present, with J. P. Cooke in the chair and William Savidge as secretary. The question of accepting the overtures of the Portuguese Club was the main object of the meeting, which after considerable objection offered by some of the committee was with an accepting resolution, adjourned until 12 o'clock tomorrow.

Representative Jonah Kumalae was made general interpreter for the meeting. A motion was first made by Paul Isenberg that one representative of the Portuguese Club be allowed to run on the regular Republican ticket of the Fourth district, providing that the Portuguese Club comes out as a strictly Republican club and endorses the Republican ticket.

Discussion followed as to the advisability of this motion passing the committee, many claiming that the Portuguese, or any nationality should, if they wished to become Republicans, come into the Republican party by the regular channels and not form an independently party looking to the highest bidder. Others favored the taking in of any nationality whatever their method of approach as long as they showed themselves invested with Republican principles and ready to endorse the ticket. Votes were needed at the present time.

G. A. McClelland then offered the following amended resolution which was seconded by Paul Isenberg, and resulted, after much discussion in an adjournment to 12 o'clock noon tomorrow. Kumalae wanted to defer action on the resolution. It will be again presented tomorrow.

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Fourth District Committee that proportional representation be given to all nationalities as they are registered as American citizens and voters. And that the committee will welcome an opportunity to give representation on the legislative ticket to any Portuguese Republican Club showing a sufficient membership, of American citizens pledged as regular Republicans.

SCENTS OF FLOWERS.

Out of the 4200 species of plants gathered and used for commercial purposes in Europe, 420 have a perfume that is pleasing and enter largely into the manufacture of scents, soaps and sachet. There are more species of white flowers gathered than any other 3038-124. Of these 187 have an agreeable scent, an extraordinary large proportion. Next in order come yellow blossoms, with 951.77 of them being perfumed. Red flowers number 823, of which 84 are scented. The blue flowers are of 594 varieties, 34 of which are perfumed, and the violet blossoms number 308, 13 of which are pleasantly odoriferous.—Philadelphia Times.

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THE OLD HOLT WILL COMES UP IN PHASE

ATTORNEYS WILL TRY TO PROVE THAT THE PROCEEDINGS OF FORTY YEARS AGO WERE NOT ACCORDING TO FORM.

A motion was filed in the Circuit Court this morning by C. W. Ashford to amend the petition for revocation of the will of Robert William Holt, by adding to it a paragraph which attacks the jurisdiction of the Hawaiian Supreme Court of 1862, by which Holt's will was probated. The new paragraph says:

"That your petitioners are advised and believe, and on such advice and belief they allege, said Supreme Court did not either at the time of the filing of said petition mentioned in the paragraph numbered '2' of this Petition, gain or obtain jurisdiction and right or authority to proceed to a judgment, order or decree admitting or purporting to admit the said alleged will and testament or said alleged last will and testament or said alleged codicil thereto, or any or either of them, to probate and that the order and decree of said Supreme Court, as aforesaid, admitting or purporting to admit said instruments to probate as and for such last will and testament was and were made without said Court having acquired jurisdiction of the subject matters of said proceeding, and was and were of no effect in law, and that the same is and are now void and of no effect, and should be so adjudged by this Honorable Court."

It is said that the attorneys propose to prove that the proceedings of forty years ago were not according to form, that the usual notices of hearings were not given, and that the will was filed and probated without compliance with several legal forms claimed to be necessary to give the court authority to probate the will.

Judge Gear this morning called a number of jury-waived cases which had been set for hearing. They were postponed, and the court took a recess until 2 o'clock this afternoon, by which time, it was stated, the grand jury would be ready to make a final report. The case of Hasson against Pain will continue to occupy Judge Gear, and is likely to last all the rest of this week.

BROUGHT GOOD LOAD.

The barkentine Imgard, Captain Schmidt, arrived yesterday afternoon from San Francisco after a smart passage of sixteen days. She brought 243 pigs as deck cargo. Captain Schmidt was exceedingly fortunate with this part of his cargo, as not a single animal consigned to him at San Francisco died en route. The vessel had about 1,200 tons of general cargo. She brought several cabin passengers for Honolulu. The vessel is at the Railway wharf.

WAIMEA WATER SUPPLY.

At a meeting of the Waimaea Sugar Company held this morning the report of the committee who recently returned from a tour of investigation to Kaula to look into the water supply of the plantation was accepted, and the committee continued and ordered to report on methods of handling the water question within sixty days.

BUSY CARRYING PADDY.

The schooner Lady arrived this morning from the other side of the island. The vessel has been busy for the last two weeks carrying rice paddy from the various windward ports. She brought 540 bags of rice today and will sail at 3 o'clock this afternoon for Kaula.

GOING TO KANAPALI.

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